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Iraq Seeking Financial Relief	Deputy Prime Minister Aziz visited Paris this month to request payment deferments from France for arms purchased earlier Aziz last month also visited Moscow, in part to arrange easier terms on weapons contracts. To minimize reductions of civilian imports, Iraq has delayed payments on a wide variety of economic projects already under way. Iraq now requires firms bidding on contracts to offer credit as a prerequisite for new orders. Most exporters probably will go along with Iraq's payment deferrals in the hope that Iraq's economic situation eventually will improve and because there is not much they can do to force payment. Iraq can do little now to augment its foreign exchange earnings. Because of the closure of the pipeline through Syria last April, oil revenues will be even lower

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Secret 28 January 1983 \$21 billion at the beginning of 1982 to about \$5 billion—the equivalent of less than three months' worth of imports. The Persian Gulf states so far have not responded to Iraq's pleas for more financial aid. They will find it more difficult to provide Iraq with the \$5.5 billion they gave last year because of their own financial situation. A weak world oil market also will prevent them from selling much oil for Iraq.

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